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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Local Fund and Sanitary, Sanitation, dated 1st November 1904.

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Letter No. G. 237, dated the 13th October 1904, from the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore *in re* the prevention of malaria :—

"I have the honor to invite the attention of Government to the fact that much easily preventable malaria is being generated in this City through the carelessness of officials who ought to know better. A valuable life, a prominent Mysore Officer, has recently been jeopardised in this way. His own compound is kept in perfect condition, but what does that avail when his neighbours grow anopheles by the million?

2. I suppose public opinion here has not yet advanced sufficiently to justify Government in pronouncing the cultivation of anopheles a criminal offence. But Government can, at least, compel its own officials to keep the compounds attached to their offices free from these pests. No official of any standing can plead ignorance now-a-days of the connection between anopheles and malaria, and how anopheles can be got rid of. It is certainly not ignorance of these facts which leads the officers I have before my mind this moment to tolerate anopheles breeding pools in their office compounds. On the contrary no one knows better than they the part played by the anopheles in the distribution of malaria. So it must be pure carelessness, or thoughtlessness, or an idea that they are not responsible for the sanitary condition of their office compounds that leads to this result.

3. I would therefore suggest that a circular be issued to Heads of Departments everywhere, to the effect that stagnant water shall on no account be allowed to remain more than 3 days in the compounds attached to their offices, where it is possible to conveniently drain it off or fill up the surface depression forming the pool. In cases where such drainage is impossible they should apply to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer or to the Health officer where such exists, to have such undrainable pools periodically examined; and should mosquito larvæ be discovered, to have the pools treated once a week with kerosine till larvæ are no longer discoverable. But they should be reminded that though larvæ can be killed off in this way in any particular pond, all such ponds are to be regarded thereafter as suspect, and will require constant attention."

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ORDER THEREON.—Communicated to the Heads of Departments, to the Deputy Commissioners, to the Presidents of the Municipal and District Boards as well as to the Presidents of the Bangalore and the Mysore City Municipalities, for information and guidance and for wide publicity.

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